

SITUATION IN MANAGUA IS TENSE

Offer of Guard of Soldiers for Protection of the American Consulate Declined

ARRIVAL OF JOSE MADRIZ AT CAPITAL

Great Demonstration Tendered the Candidate for the Presidency to Succeed Zelaya—For a Moment on Sunday the Situation was Critical but no Shots were Fired—"Long Live the Saviour of Nicaragua."

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, who has been put forward as a candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here today. Long before he reached the city he was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua.

Hostile Gries in Front of Park.

At this place the crowds awaiting the appearance of the candidate were extraordinary. Troops and police were out in force for the protection of Madriz, who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost insupportable mass of people. The soldiers and detectives broke a way for him through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic populace.

In front of the park there were hostile cries against the attempt by the soldiers to clear the street, and immediately fifty civilians, all of them residents of Leon, which is the home of Madriz and the stronghold of the liberals who favor his candidacy, whipped out revolvers, brandishing them in the air. They formed a compact mass around him, acting as his bodyguard and escorting him to his quarters.

"Viva Leon! To Hell with Managua!"

For a moment the situation was critical. There were shouts of "Viva Leon! To hell with Managua!" No shots were fired, however, and the procession went on its way. The presidential candidate's face was flushed and was a look of anxiety. He was accompanied by the Mexican minister and from that place the crowds were shut out.

Arrival of Dr. Madriz.

Dr. Madriz arrived at nine o'clock.

THREE HUNDRED NEGROES CAPTURED BY CITIZENS

Search for Thug or Thugs Who Killed Motorman and Robbed Conductor.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 19.—Three hundred negroes, each answering in some particular the description of the highwayman who shot and killed Motorman Eugene V. Goudey and probably fatally wounded Conductor M. O'Brien on a street car last night, are held at police headquarters today.

LEGAL TANGLE DEVELOPS

In Affairs of Herring-Curtiss Co., Aeroplane Manufacturers.

Hammond, Ind., N. Y., Dec. 19.—The affairs of the Herring-Curtiss company, manufacturers of aeroplanes, are in a legal tangle. After a meeting of the board of directors of the company on Saturday, proceedings were begun in the state supreme court to compel Augustus Herring of New York, vice president of the concern, to turn over to the company patents and other property which it is alleged he should have transferred to the company in consideration of stock issued to him. An injunction was obtained to prevent Mr. Herring from disposing of this stock. Herring left Hammond after the meeting without reaching any agreement with the board of directors. The company is capitalized at \$350,000. Glen H. Curtiss is general manager.

DETAINED ENGLISH COOK

Was Not Bound for the Home of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy.

Boston, Dec. 19.—That Mrs. Mary E. Ettinge, an English woman who was detained at this port by the immigration authorities last Thursday because she had only one leg, was not bound for the home of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, as it was stated in a statement issued tonight by Alfred Parlow, head of the committee of publication of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Dispensary, is a fact which was made known by Mrs. Parlow, who said that Mrs. Ettinge was a friend of one of Mrs. Eddy's employees, a fact which probably gave rise to the story that she was here to see Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Parlow said that Mrs. Ettinge to the Washington immigration authorities is still pending.

VERNON HOWE FOUND.

Crack Yale Athlete Turns Up in British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—L. Vernon Howe of Minneapolis, former captain of the Yale track team, who had been lost in the woods of the interior for three months, has reached One Hundred Mile House, Cariboo, with his companion, Jack Cunningham of Kamloops, B. C.

What Coffee Drinkers May Like to Know.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Every man who takes his cup of coffee may like to know that in the ten months of this year he has helped to use up just \$64,000,000 worth, or \$45,000,000 pounds, and eight-ninths of it came from South America. And of all that Brazil furnished more than 600,000,000 pounds of the delicious berry.

Cardinal Sotillo Slightly Improved.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Sotillo, who recently suffered a relapse from nephritis, was slightly improved this morning and insisted upon a chaplain celebrating mass in the sick room. He also took communion. His condition was very much worse. Alarming symptoms developed and there was some delirium. Grave fears are entertained for the cardinal's recovery. Many telegraphic inquiries have been received from America.

Cabled Paragraphs

Havana, Dec. 19.—The American baseball team today defeated the Havana team by a score of 7 to 2.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Colonels Zinoviev and Strategov of the quarter-master's department were arrested yesterday as a result of the recent investigation of the department, when irregularities involving more than a million dollars were discovered.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 19.—An official decree has been issued placing a tax on imported printing paper imported of five cents per kilogram (2.24 pounds). Unused stock has been admitted free heretofore. The decree becomes effective immediately.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Sotillo has suffered a severe relapse from nephritis. Extreme weakness has been marked and he is often delirious. The pope has several times sent his own secretary to inquire concerning the cardinal's condition, and has bestowed upon him the apostolic benediction.

LAUDANUM VIAL THE ONLY POSSIBLE CLUE

To Identity of Young Woman Who Attempted Suicide.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—Having thus far successfully resisted every effort to ascertain her identity, the strange young woman who at Virginia Beach last week signed herself "Ruth Horton, Chicago," while attempting suicide, both by laudanum and shooting, still lies unconscious at St. Vincent's hospital, with the mystery surrounding her case as deep as ever.

Though she has three .22 calibre pistol wounds in her head, the girl began to improve today, and tonight her physicians believe her recovery is likely. Today for the first time since she was secretly brought to the hospital, last Thursday, she agreed to take food, and for the first time she manifested an interest in her recovery.

She had repeatedly declared that she wanted to die and have buried with her a man's handkerchief and a bunch of flowers. She was brought with her to Virginia Beach. One of the strange features of the case is that the police department, after all the publicity given the case, has received a single inquiry concerning the girl. In an effort to obtain some clue to her identity a woman was sent to her bedside today to question her. The girl was firm and the woman left without the desired information.

Apparently the only possible clue to her identity is the laudanum vial which was found with the girl marked "W. J. Somerville, Farmville, Mass." She had destroyed everything by which she might be identified, even having cut from her hat the name of the place where it was bought. It came to Virginia Beach to die because of the remoteness of the place," wrote the girl in the note she left, which she told her brother had with her to be used for her burial.

Boston, Dec. 19.—An examination of the poison report kept at the store of the drug company in Somerville has failed to show a sale of poison to anyone named Morton during the past year. The Somerville police, although interested in the mystery, have been unable to suggest any clue to the young woman's identity.

DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

OF FROM 5 TO 40 PER CENT.

Notices to Be Served on 75 Railroad All East of the Mississippi.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Notices will be served tomorrow on about seventy-five railroad companies, all east of the Mississippi river, by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen that an increase in wages will be demanded of from 5 per cent to 40 per cent, the difference in the amount being caused by the present method of bargaining with the men, according to an announcement made here tonight.

W. G. Lee, national president of the Brotherhood, who was in Pittsburg today, admitted that the notice will be served tomorrow, but refused to say what action, if any, will be taken in the recent referendum vote of the trainmen regarding the demand for an increase resulted in a practically unanimous vote in its favor. About 75,000 members of the brotherhood are employed on the railroads affected.

New York, Dec. 19.—The action of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as announced in Pittsburg tonight, was not unexpected in New York. Knowing that the referendum vote was being taken, railroad heads were preparing to meet the situation and several hundred men were held in the city during the past two weeks. It is likely that a committee representing the employers will be appointed at once to negotiate with the men, as it does, all the great lines in the east, it will be impossible to predict what course each road pursues, but it is probable they stand together on the broader issues at stake.

USED KEROSENE IN TOY STOVE.

Six Year Old Girl Burned to Death—Father and Mother Injured.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 19.—A toy stove, which her father gave her today, instead of waiting until Christmas, resulted in the death of Minnie Comins, six years old, the probably fatal burning of the girl's mother and the injury of her father.

The child tried to light a fire in the stove by pouring in kerosene, as she had often seen her mother do in a real stove. The child's clothes were enveloped in flames as soon as a match was applied, and she died in two hours. The mother, in trying to extinguish the blaze, was burned severely, that the physicians despair of her recovery. Her husband was burned about the hands and face rescuing his wife.

DEMAND UNION RECOGNITION

Members of Philadelphia Ladies' Garment Makers' Union to Strike.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Demanding recognition of their union, a nine-hour day, a five-cent minimum uniform price, which means an increase of twenty per cent in their wages, the 8,000 members of the Ladies' Garment Makers' union of this city tonight unanimously voted in favor of a strike to be begun tomorrow. They expect to be joined by 3,000 non-union workers. Almost all of the union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, are women. Three large meetings in different sections of the city were held tonight in place of one meeting, which was forbidden by the police.

Alabama Mob Trailing a Negro.

Selma, Ala., Dec. 19.—A mob composed of citizens of Arlington, Ala., is trailing a negro, who is being guarded by a posse of white men, and his three brothers, who are charged with murdering from ambush Saturday night, A. L. Lewis, a prominent citizen. If the negroes are caught quadruple lynching is expected.

Dr. Cook Believed To be in Norway

SAID TO HAVE SAILED FROM NEW YORK THANKSGIVING DAY.

DANES DOUBT EXPLORER

It Is Reported That Cook's Records Do Not Establish a Well Founded Claim to Discovery.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—The general belief is held here that the expedition having charge of the investigation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records will report that Dr. Cook's papers do not provide a basis for any well founded scientific judgment.

Cook Believed to Be in Norway.

New York, Dec. 19.—Intimate friends of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who are on pins and needles, as it were, until the decision is reached on his data at Copenhagen tonight, that in their belief Dr. Cook is at the home of a friend in Christiansand, Norway, with-in easy call of Copenhagen. It is thought that Dr. Cook left this country on the steamship United States, which sailed on Thanksgiving day. Walter Lonsdale, the explorer's secretary, is known to have sailed on the vessel.

Not a Passenger on the Saxonia.

Naples, Dec. 19.—The rumor spread here today that Dr. Cook was aboard the steamer Saxonia, and a large number of people rushed to the pier to greet him. The captain of the Saxonia said that he had been notified that Dr. Cook intended to cross on his steamer, but he was detained and asked the company to transfer his ticket to the Carmania.

SHIPWRECKED CREW

IN BATTLE WITH ICE FLOES

Their Vessel Had Been Burned Four Miles Off Shore.

Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 19.—The fishing tug Penelope of Cleveland burned this afternoon in the waters of Lake Erie. The crew of three escaped after a battle with ice floes in the bitter cold which almost cost them their lives. The vessel, which belongs to H. Langell of Cleveland, was bound for her winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich. This afternoon Capt. Charles Inghes discovered a fire in the woodwork above the engine room and in a few moments his position and that of Engineer Percy Upper and Fireman Jack Mulver became untenable.

The sides of the tug were in flames before they launched their boat. There had been no time to don extra clothing and the day was one of the coldest of the season. The men were crusted with ice before they had gone a mile. Two miles off shore they encountered shore ice, too thin to bear their weight, but thick enough to impede the progress of the boat. Through this they were compelled to break their way, stiffened by the penetrating wind and endangered every moment by the shifting ice.

When they reached shore, five miles west of here, they collapsed. All were brought to Lorain, where they were given medical attention.

LIVED IN THREE CENTURIES.

Woman Who Dies Aged 115 Was Once Honored by Czar.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Born in the eighteenth century in the province of Kiev, Russia, Mrs. Mary Makensky died at the Jewish Sheltering Home on Friday night, aged 115 years. Mrs. Makensky had nineteen children, several of whom are still living, and leaves about one hundred and fifty descendants.

The oldest grandchild is 79. He is Alexander Makensky of New York. Mrs. Makensky often spoke of an honor bestowed upon her by Czar Nicholas I of Russia, who gave her a souvenir nearly seventy-five years ago, when her parents kept an inn. The czar stopped at the inn for a few hours one day, and was so pleased with his treatment that he gave Mrs. Makensky a medal. Mrs. Makensky and her family came to America twenty years ago.

Found Dead in Gas Filled Room.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 19.—James J. Davis, a man about 50 years old, was found dead in his room, which was filled with gas, this morning. Medical Examiner A. A. Crane gave a verdict of accidental death. Davis came here from Massachusetts a year and a half ago. In his clothing was found a card stating that he was a member of Heart of the Commonwealth lodge, No. 102, F. of A., of the state of Massachusetts. No relatives have been found. He is believed to have a sister in Hartford.

President Taft Returned to Washington

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft, accompanied by his son Charles, returned today from Watertown, Conn., where yesterday he attended the funeral of a friend, Mr. J. H. T. Taft. The train to which the president's car was attached was more than an hour behind its schedule, getting into Washington too late to go to church.

Three Persons Drowned.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 19.—Laura Curran, who had just received the prize for the prettiest girl in the school district, and Alma Utterback, her chum, and William Johnson, the girl's school teacher, were drowned last night as they were trying to reach their homes after a school social by crossing Indian creek in a rowboat. The boat upset and they were unable to reach the bank through the icy water.

Eleven Mile Flight in Curtiss Biplane.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19.—Charles K. Hamilton, in his Curtiss biplane, starting from the ice on Lake Ontario, today made a flight of twelve minutes duration. He circled the lake eight times and covered eleven miles. Six hundred spectators on the ice cheered the performance.

Died by Hatpin And Clothesline

NEWARK AUTHORITIES FACE ANOTHER MYSTERY.

TWO ELDERLY SPINSTER SISTERS

Found Dead Sunday in the Kitchen of Their Home—One Hanging, the Other Lying on Floor.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 19.—Two elderly spinster sisters, Frances and Isabel Ritchie, were found dead today in the kitchen of their home here. The cause of the death is puzzling the authorities and an autopsy will be necessary. Position of the Bodies.

Frances was found dead on the floor, while the body of the sister dangled from a piece of clothesline, made fast above a door leading from the dining room to the kitchen. The first indications were that Frances died from natural causes and that Isabel had hanged herself in a paroxysm of grief. This theory was dispelled when a small box was found in the dining room, on the cover of which had been written these words: "Frances hung herself at 2 1-2 Sat. M. 1909."

Grotesque Details Came to Light.

This led to the belief that the two old women carried out a mutual agreement to kill themselves. Frances hanged herself first and her body being down by her sister. But further investigation brought to light much more grotesque details. Underneath her clothing and sticking in the breast of Frances was a hatpin, buried in her body up to its black head. The pin had been driven close to the heart to a depth of about four inches. Similar wounds but of not such a serious nature were found on the other body, which leads to the belief that the sisters may have quarreled and fought. Whether Frances deliberately hanged her sister, then killed herself with the hatpin, or whether the sister found hanging stabbed the other, then ended her life, will perhaps never be known. The hands of the body on the floor were carefully crossed, and the head rested on a sofa cushion.

Possibility of Murder.

There is a possibility that both were murdered, but the house shows no traces of having been entered by strangers. The women had lived alone since the death of their mother more than fifteen years ago, with a large dog as their sole companion. Recently the dog died and since that time the women had been despondent.

Last Seen Alive on Saturday.

The owner of the house which they occupied, having been unable to gain admittance since Tuesday last, notified a policeman, who forced entrance today. The women were last seen alive on Saturday.

Mysterious and Secluded Life.

The sisters had lived quietly and almost in seclusion for twenty years in the same house. Their source of income was as mysterious as their secluded life, but they kept their house in order and paid their bills regularly. The sister, Mrs. Frances, was 56 years old; the sister a few years her junior.

ANNUAL REPORT OF U. S. LIFE SAVING SERVICE.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property and Hundreds of Lives Saved.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Aside from saving hundreds of lives and millions of dollars' worth of property involved in marine disasters, the United States life saving service managed to render assistance to many unfortunate persons in distress. The annual report of the superintendent of the service, Mr. Kimball, shows that a woman "about to be buried over a bluff," an intoxicated man about to fall off a dock, a man who had lost his way in a marsh, another who had broken through the ice, two others who had climbed 100 feet up the face of a cliff and were unable to descend, and still another who tried to commit suicide were saved by the vigilant guards.

During the last fiscal year there were 1,874 marine disasters, involving the lives of 8,900 persons, which called the life saving service into activity. Seventy-two vessels were totally lost, although only "wary" people lost their lives in consequence.

The total value of the property involved in these disasters was \$16,106,058, the value of property lost being \$2,252,281. Of this \$1,379,000 was lost in disaster, the life saving service rendered aid to 1,319, valued with their cargoes at \$1,316,815.

Superintendent Kimball comments in his report upon the remarkable scope of the life saving operations by the use of power lifeboats.

Father of Kidnaped Girl Runs Down False Clue.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Just as her parents were about to concede that Alma Kellner, who was kidnaped from Louisville several days ago, was dead, hope revived temporarily today, when it was reported by the Washington, Ind., police that a girl in the custody of a band of gypsies might be the missing child. Fred F. Kellner, the father, went to see the girl at Washington and displayed emotion openly for the first time when he found she was not his. No further clues are in the hands of the police.

Condensed Telegrams

Professor Jonnesco, the eminent Roumanian surgeon, called on President Taft.

Major General Bell stated that the Cuban army is ready to buy arms here if congress authorizes the sale.

The Net Profits of Krupp & Co., the gunmakers of Essen, Germany, for the year were \$3,901,905, as against \$4,622,940 last year.

The Paris Court Decided in favor of the Princess de Sagan in the suit of De Castellane concerning the education of their son Jay.

Zelaya in a Message to President Taft declares he showed his good faith by resigning that Nicaragua might resume friendly relations with the United States.

Playgrounds May Be Established

for the children of the District of Columbia, if the people of the District are willing that the expenses therefor be taken out of their own revenues.

The Vatican Is Reported to Have

confirmed the morganatic marriage of King Leopold and the Baroness de Thurn and Taxis, a union which this union, a contest over the throne is possible.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR U. S. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Elaborate Plans for Celebration at Government Expense.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Every soldier and sailor in the service of the United States will celebrate Christmas at the expense of the government. More elaborate plans are made by the army and navy for Christmas than for any other day of the year.

This year the government will give the 17,000 sailors of the Atlantic battleship fleet, which is a large percentage of those in the service, an unusually fine spread at New York. Last year the fishes cheated the bluejackets out of the dinner intended for them. The navy department sent out aboard the line Republic a large quantity of Christmas dainties valued at \$61,191 for the battleship fleet, then at Gibraltar, on its cruise around the world. The Republic sailed with a commission and so did the bluejackets' Christmas dinners.

A policy has been adopted in the navy of taking the bluejackets periodically to some big port where they may enjoy life to the full. The British navy officials claim to have discovered that after such periods of hilarity the sailors are more susceptible to contagion and so did the bluejackets' Christmas dinners.

STRUCK A CURVE

AT TOO HIGH A SPEED.

Rock Island Train Wrecked in Arizona—Tourist Cars Topped Over.

Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 19.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson, were killed, ten persons injured and thirteen others were cut and bruised today when an east bound Rock Island train operated over the Southern Pacific tracks was wrecked at Benson, Arizona. The injured persons were brought to St. Mary's hospital at Tucson. Among them is Mrs. L. A. Bellows, Boston. Southern Pacific officials say that the train struck a curve at too high a speed.

The locomotive, the baggage car, the mail car and two tourist cars toppled from the rails, and the locomotive and the mail car rolled forty feet down a bank into a culvert.

The other detailed cars turned over did not injure any of the passengers. The standard sleeping cars and an observation car remained on the track, their momentum carrying them five hundred feet beyond the wreckage and into the tourist cars and in the mail car.

THE LUDLOW STRIKE

AGAIN DECLARED OFF

State Board of Arbitration Explains Agreement to Strikers.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 19.—The strike of the employees of the Ludlow Manufacturing company was again declared off tonight in a statement in which the members of the state board of arbitration had explained the terms of the agreement with the company. In order to end the strike, which occurred last Friday, when the entire 1,700 strikers returned to work in a body at 7 o'clock, the board suggested that the company should employ the strikers until the end of the year, and that the entire number has been taken back. This will be done and it is believed that the strike will be ended tomorrow morning.

Big Green Stone Impelled Desire to Commit Suicide.

New York, Dec. 19.—A clean shaven, well dressed man wandered into a police station tonight and said with great solemnity: "About ten days ago, while walking down Broadway I saw in a jeweler's window a big green stone. Ever since I have felt an impelling desire to commit suicide. It is so strong tonight that if I am not taken in charge I will certainly do away with myself." He was locked up as requested.

98 Per Cent. of Telegraphers Vote in Favor of Strike.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—With the referendum vote of telegraphers of the Big Four railroad completed tonight, J. J. Dermody, fourth vice president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, announced that ninety-eight per cent of the union telegraphers voted in favor of a strike.

Mr. Dermody said the question of a strike now lies with a committee of seven, which, with the national body of the union, will settle the controversy. About 1,600 men are involved in the strike, which will mean a wage increase and other concessions.

Passenger Train Collided With Freight

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—A freight passenger train on the Minnesota and Iowa division of the Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis and Omaha road collided with a freight train today at Blakely, Minn., killing Fireman Zinnel and Mail Clerk F. Torgerson. None of the passengers were injured seriously enough to need medical attention.

Old Saybrook.

The directors of the Business Men's association have chosen the following officers for one year: President, Howard T. Chapman, vice president, John A. Ayer, secretary and treasurer, Dr. William H. Wolcott.

Richard Parr's Claim Approved

BY COLLECTOR LOEB OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

INFORMER IN SUGAR FRAUDS

May Receive Approximately One Million Dollars for Originally Furnishing Evidence Which Exposed Frauds.

New York, Dec. 19.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, has approved the claim to money by Richard Parr, the deputy collector and original informer in the sugar frauds on the \$2,135,488 paid into the United States treasury by the American Sugar Refining company as restitution for duties evaded by underweighing.

What the Statutes Say.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive not exceeding in amount one-half of the net proceeds, which will mean in this case, if the claim is approved by the treasury department, approximately \$1,067,744.

Claim Approved Only After Rigid Investigation.

Mr. Loeb approved the claim only after a thorough investigation by Harrison Osborne, solicitor of the customs. He held that the claim was valid in that Parr on November 30, 1907, discovered a steel spring which was used by the company's checkers to influence the weights of draughts of sugar adversely. This laid bare the scheme of fraud, and it was due to the evidence obtained as the consequence of the events of November 20 that the jury in the civil suit against the company in last spring returned a verdict of guilty, which was secured by the payment of the penalty, \$135,488, and the restitution of \$2,135,488.

Mr. Loeb could not be seen tonight. It was stated at his house that he retired early and would not be disturbed. The check against the company concerning payments of this character, but it is said that in any event Parr will receive 50 per cent of the amount named, or approximately \$700,000.

Mr. Parr Confirms His Report.

Parr was seen at his home tonight and confirmed the report that Mr. Osborne acted favorably on his claim and that Mr. Loeb ratified the decision. "I do not know exactly how much I will receive," said Parr.

"In exceptional cases the government awards 50 per cent, but more usually 30 or 25. All the other claims were before the jury, but the fact that mine was upheld speaks for itself."

MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT

IN NEW YORK NIGHT COURT

Offers Her Mansion as Security for Disorderly Women Strikers.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, demonstrated in the small and early hours of today that she has the interests of her sex of the working class at heart and is willing to give not only of her time but of her fortune to assist them.

Three o'clock this morning found her in the night court awaiting the disposition of the cases of four women shirtwaist workers, charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the strike. Several lawyers have been retained by Mrs. Belmont to defend the strikers, but with the approach of morning the women were released, when the girls were called to the bar no one was present to appear for them.

Mrs. Belmont then stepped into the trap and offered bail for the girls, tendering her home in Madison avenue as security.

"Is your house worth \$500?" inquired Magistrate Butts, in routine manner and tone.

"I think it is," replied Mrs. Belmont. "It is valued at \$400,000, but I think there may be a mortgage upon it for \$100,000 which I want to help the shirtwaist strikers and the woman suffrage movement."

The security was accepted.

IN CONGRESS THIS WEEK.

Both Houses Adjourn Tomorrow for Two Weeks' Holiday.

Washington, Dec. 19.—With probably fewer than a quorum of members of either house in the city, all legislation in congress during the next two days will be of no account. The house will undertake nothing more than the passage of some bills of minor importance and the completion of the work on the district of Columbia appropriation bill, which already has been under consideration two or three days.

It has been hoped that the army supply bill might be taken up and disposed of before adjournment, but that programme has been abandoned in the face of the departure of so many members. It is expected that very little time will be necessary for the disposal of the district bill and with it out of the way the house will simply trend water until the adjournment for the holidays.

The senate will undertake very little except the confirmation of Hon. Horace H. Burton to the district of Columbia supreme court of the United States. The nomination will be reported favorably to the senate on Monday and an effort will be made to have it acted upon. The present indications are that Mr. Burton's confirmation will take place before the beginning of the holidays, thus enabling him to take seat on the supreme court bench upon the reconvening of that body after the holidays.

Both houses will adjourn Tuesday for two weeks, but the reconvening being fixed for Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Republicans Follow Democratic Doctrines, Says Bryan.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 19.—William J. Bryan was guest of honor at a banquet given by the democrats of this city last night. Mr. Bryan said in his address: "For the last thirteen years the democratic party has actually dominated the public affairs of this country and molded the public affairs. The republican party has done nothing good that was not outlined in the democratic platforms. The republican today has but one way of becoming popular, and that is by imitating the democrats."

Allan Line Steamer on Mud Bank.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—The Allan line steamer Corinthian, from St. John, N. B., for London and Havre, is stranded on a mud bank off George's Island in this harbor and will have to discharge part of her cargo before she can be floated, probably. It is thought that she has sustained no damage. The Corinthian was on her way out of the harbor when the accident happened.

A bumper cotton crop is in view in India.

It may amount to 2,000,000 bales. The price of yarn is advancing.